GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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SUPPLY OF WATER TO RAJASTHAN FROM RIVERS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the agreements under which water is being supplied to Rajasthan from Ganga, Yamuna, Sutlej rivers and Bhakra Dam for irrigation and the quantum of water being supplied; and

(b) the reasons for not supplying its full share to the State?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Rajasthan is being supplied water from rivers Yamuna, Sutlej, Ravi & Beas as per following agreements:

(i) As per Memorandum of Understanding Dated 12.5.1994 regarding allocation of surface flow of river Yamuna.

(ii) Agreement of January, 1959 on construction of Bhakra Nangal Project on river Sutlej between Punjab and Rajasthan.

(iii) Agreement of 31.12.1981 on allocation of surplus Ravi Beas waters and implementation of Sutlej Yamuna Link Canal Project among Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan.

There is no agreement to supply water to Rajasthan from river Ganga.

Rajasthan State has informed that they have received 0.052 Billion Cubic Metres (BCM) of water fromriver Yamuna, 8.63 BCM from rivers Ravi & Beas and 1.09 BCM from river Sutlej during the year 2001-02.

(b) Rajasthan is not being supplied the allocated share of Yamuna water due to constraints of capacity of conveyance system, non-completion of new canal system in Haryana and Rajasthan and re-modelling of existing canal systems. Shortage in supply of water to the State from Ravi Beas and Sutlejriver is on account of less inflows in the rivers, reduced carrying capacity of Bikaner canal and lower available storage in the reservoirs.